

Tracing Letters on Tape

Developmental Area: Literacy and Fine Motor

Help your child with letter recognition and letter sounds by making the letters in their first and last name using painters or masking tape. You can spell their name in order or place randomly. Place the letters on the kitchen floor if you trust using painters' tape on your floor. If you prefer not to tape your floor, you can make smaller letters on paper with painters or masking tape.

Once the letters are made, your child can use washable markers to trace on the tape, especially if using your kitchen floor (test marker first on inconspicuous area.) Wipes work quite well on washable markers. If your child easily writes his/her first and last name prior to this activity, make letters they are still learning. Say the letter, letter sound, and a word that begins with that letter.